

Section II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the above referenced Office Action, which was mailed on 5/3/2004, claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12-14 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because it was alleged that the use of trademarks or acronyms renders the claims indefinite. As herein amended, all trademarks and acronyms have been omitted from the claims and therefore claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12-14 and 17 are submitted to now be allowable under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Next, claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lombardo et al (U.S. Patent 6,341,290, hereinafter referred to as "Lombardo") in view of Nguyen (U.S. Patent 5,689,566, hereinafter referred to as "Nguyen"). The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended the claims to place them in condition for allowance.

More specifically, it is noted that the present application includes claims 1-17 with claims 1, 9 and 17 being independent claims, and claims 2-8 being ultimately dependent from claim 1 and claims 10-16 being ultimately dependent from claim 9. Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have herein been amended to clarify that, in accordance with the present invention, the

password reset operation is accomplished between first and second systems running first and second different operating systems, respectively. Lombardo teaches a server operable to capture business information from a plurality of sources, capture distribution information associated with the business information, integrate the captured information in a standardized format and display the captured information. The present invention claims a password reset function between different operating systems. Lombardo's environment utilizes only a single operating system. Lombardo does disclose a new password and/or password reset function in column 14, but he makes no mention of being able to perform the password reset function across two different operating systems as is disclosed and claimed by the applicant.

Nguyen discloses a system which uses a three way password authentication, encrypting different portions of a logon packet with different keys based on the nature of the communications link. Like Lombardo, however, there is no disclosure in Nguyen of the methodology of performing a password reset function across two different operating environments using two different operating systems as is disclosed and claimed by the applicant. Further, there is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion in either reference that the references could be combined for any productive purpose. Nevertheless, even combining the references, there is no disclosure, teaching or even suggestion of enabling a password reset function between two different operating environments wherein each environment is running a different operating system.

The similarity of various pieces and parts of the references as noted on pages 2-5 of the above-referenced Office Action are noted but it is believed that there is no disclosure, teaching or

even suggestion in either reference of the total combination of elements and relationships among those elements as is currently specified in claims 1-17 as herein presented.

All of the independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have herein been amended to include the above-noted language relating to the password reset function **between different operating systems**. Thus it is submitted that independent claims 1, 9 and 17 are clearly allowable over Lombardo and Nguyen. Further since dependent claims 2-8 and 10-16 include all of the limitations of one of the amended independent claims in addition to even further recitations of the individual claims themselves, it is submitted that dependent claims 2-8 and 10-16 are also allowable. Thus, with the current amendments, it is submitted that claims 1-17 are allowable under 35 USC 103(a) over Lombardo and/or Nguyen, taken alone or in combination.

Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-17, as herein presented, are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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